



Greetings Everyone,

Let's start out by recognizing people who have done some great things for our community. First off, we had Captain Bob Frutchey, Sergeant Mary Lou Atkins, Sergeant Paulo Aquiles, Detective Sergeant Chris Johnson, and CI Don Meyer representing us at National Night Out. This is an annual event which helps us to build better relations with people in the community as well as with police officers and sheriff deputies from all around Morris County. I'm proud to say that our display was placed right up front. Great job!



Next, our firefighters were out there giving it their all for the community by sponsoring their annual Junior Fire Camp. I'd like to thank Chief Ron Guidetti, Captain Chris Barrella, and all the members of the Fire Department for making this a truly successful event. You can read the article written by Eric Kowal and see more photos taken by Todd Mozes by going to the Army's Official Website (yes, they were recognized at the

"Big Army" level) at: <http://www.army.mil/article/63506>

Last month, we discussed the importance of utilizing mutual aid in Emergency Services. That point was truly highlighted when our firefighters responded to the wreck of a tractor-trailer in Jefferson Township. They actually had to use their boat to assist in this call. What's amazing is that the driver actually survived thanks to the efforts of firefighters and EMS.



Let's move to a hot topic that's on the mind of most people...the status on the "New Fiscal Reality (NFR)." It's important for me to provide you with accurate and relevant information. The intent is to give you and your family the information you need so that you can stay focused on the mission. The last thing that I want to do is cause alarm or give anyone the perception that, "The sky is falling." There are those of us who have been down the road before and will assist those of you who have not to navigate through whatever may come our way. Part of the secret is having an understanding of the direction that the Federal Government and our higher headquarters are going so that we can plan accordingly. This newsletter is just one means to keep you informed about our rapidly changing environment.

So, given NFR, what's being said and how will it affect those of us serving in the Department of Defense (DOD)? I highly recommend you take a look at the message published by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta at: [http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2011/0711\\_message1](http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2011/0711_message1). You should also be aware that the Department of the Army made an announcement of a civilian workforce reduction at [http://www.army.mil/article/62939/Army\\_announces\\_civilian\\_reductions](http://www.army.mil/article/62939/Army_announces_civilian_reductions). There is no official word on how this will affect us here at Picatinny, but know that we'll keep you posted.

Just so you know...as a part of all the changes going on with the Army, IMCOM's Northeast (NERO) and Southeast Regions (SERO) merged together this month to form the new Atlantic Region. As a result of BRAC actions, SERO was moved from Fort McPherson in Georgia while NERO had to move from my old stomping grounds at Fort Monroe in Virginia. The new IMCOM Atlantic Region is now headquartered at Joint Base Langley-Eustis which is just outside Newport News, Virginia.



They say that lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place...or does it? Most people remember the major shooting that occurred at Fort Hood, Texas back in November of 2009. Recently there was another alleged incident there involving an "insider" or "lone wolf" threat. Bottom line...be aware of potential threats and don't let your guard down.

Most of you have heard me say many times before that the DA Civilian Police and Security Guard Programs are in an evolutionary process which means that they're both still relatively new and will continue to evolve as they progress. It's important for everyone to have ready access to their respective field training manual, which is located at the Reimer Digital Library (RDL). At Fort Carson, I had the honor of serving under General Dennis Reimer who went on to become the Chief of Staff of the Army. He demanded the highest standards when it came to training and that's one of the reasons why the Army named their digital library after him. Police Officers can find their manual by going to RDL and using their CAC to access it at:

[https://atiam.train.army.mil/soldierPortal/atia/adlsc/view/restricted/25255-1/ST/19-083/ST19\\_083.PDF](https://atiam.train.army.mil/soldierPortal/atia/adlsc/view/restricted/25255-1/ST/19-083/ST19_083.PDF)

Security Guards can go to:

[https://atiam.train.army.mil/soldierPortal/atia/adlsc/view/restricted/25256-1/ST/19-085/ST19\\_085.PDF](https://atiam.train.army.mil/soldierPortal/atia/adlsc/view/restricted/25256-1/ST/19-085/ST19_085.PDF)



The IMCOM Commanding General, LTG Rick Lynch, recently spoke on the deaths of two friends' spouses. He said we are so wrapped up in work that sometimes we may forget to tell our families we love them or forget to spend time with family. It reminded me about an MP Colonel who worked so much that he even brought a sleeping bag with him so that he didn't have to leave the office. One day, he went to visit his daughter. When she opened the door, she yelled, "You weren't there for me when I needed you and now I'm not here for you," and slammed the door. She was killed a week later in a one car crash. As LTG Lynch stated, we need to use these losses as reminders of what's really important - family.

Sometimes people may wonder what we're doing here at Picatinny Arsenal. Then again, they may wonder why our job is so important. For those people and those times, here are Soldiers in action with their 155mm towed howitzer in Afghanistan. We're here in support of the warfighters...ensuring that they have what they need in order to defend our country. It's that simple and that important... **Hoo-ah.**



Respectfully submitted by your DES,

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